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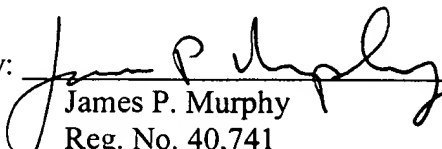
Group Art Unit: 3636

For: Fire-Safe Electronic Data Storage  
Protection Device

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, William P. Davis, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the Applicant of the above-identified patent application and inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. Prior to September 11, 1999, I had reduced to practice in this country the invention as presently set forth in pending claims 1-21 as evidenced by the following:

- a. Prior to September 11, 1999, having previously conceived the idea of safeguarding data from environmental hazards and suitable enclosures for such, I built a working prototype of such a device. Attached as Exhibit A is a reproduction of a photograph of the first prototype embodiment. The structure set forth in Exhibit A is an embodiment of what is recited in claims 1-10 of the

above-identified patent application. The embodiment shown in Exhibit A was completed prior to September 11, 1999.

- b. While Exhibit A does not show the methods of claims 11-21 currently pending, each step of those claims was performed using the device shown in Exhibit A, prior to September 11, 1999.

I declare that, based on my personal knowledge and under the penalty of perjury, the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 5/14, 2002

By: William P. Davis

William P. Davis

**EXHIBIT A**  
**to Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131(b)**

